

28 February 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO: Acting Chief, Services Division

FROM: Chief, Contract Unit

SUBJECT: Shipment of automobiles to [REDACTED]

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In accordance with your verbal instructions I submit herewith certain facts relating to the procurement and shipment of vehicles to [REDACTED]

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1. The requisition for the automobiles approved by the Chief Budget stated that the automobiles were to be procured from OSS Funds.

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3. Code markings including the letters SSU were SOP for the W. D. Strategic Services Unit at the time the automobiles were shipped by the vendor to the POE. Effective 19 October 1946 this code marking was discontinued, however, the automobiles were at that time on a lighter for delivery shipside. There was no S.S.U. representative in the POE at this time and it is doubtful that the markings could have been changed anyhow as the automobiles were never unloaded in the POE.
4. As to the markings of OSS on the boat manifest it could have been the result of the Port officials inserting the the letters OSS as a class or service. The W. D. Manual for markings will list the Code Markings and opposite it the class or service i.e. Signal Corp, American Red Cross, Office of Strategic Services. It is the opinion of the Chief of Cargo Division that the Port officials knowing that S.S.U. was the successor to OSS simply designated the shipment as OSS Service.

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This point should be investigated to determine what class or service the Port officials consider shipment marked [REDACTED] which is the CIG code marking.

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